

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A process for preparing a potato patty comprising the steps of:
2 coating a potato patty in oil at an oil temperature between about 200
3 degrees Fahrenheit and about 400 degrees Fahrenheit for a time between about 15
4 seconds and about 120 seconds;
5 removing excess oil from a surface of the potato patty;
6 heating the potato patty in an impingement oven at an oven
7 temperature of between about 425 degrees Fahrenheit and about 500 degrees
8 Fahrenheit for a time between about 150 seconds and about 630 seconds; and
9 freezing the potato patty.

1 2. A process in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said step of heating
2 in an impingement oven is for between 210 seconds and 360 seconds.

1 3. A potato patty prepared by a process comprising the steps of:
2 coating a potato patty in oil at an oil temperature between about 200
3 degrees Fahrenheit and about 400 degrees Fahrenheit for a time between about 15
4 seconds and about 120 seconds;
5 removing excess oil from a surface of the potato patty;

6 heating the potato patty in an impingement oven at an oven
7 temperature of between about 425 degrees Fahrenheit and about 500 degrees
8 Fahrenheit for a time between about 150 seconds and about 630 seconds; and
9 freezing the potato patty.

1 4. A potato patty prepared by a process in accordance with Claim 3,
2 wherein said step of heating in an impingement oven is for between 210 seconds
3 and 360 seconds.

1 5. A system for preparing a potato patty comprising:
2 means for coating a potato patty in oil at an oil temperature between
3 about 200 degrees Fahrenheit and about 400 degrees Fahrenheit for a time
4 between about 15 seconds and about 120 seconds;
5 means for removing excess oil from a surface of the potato patty;
6 means for heating the potato patty in an impingement oven at an
7 oven temperature of between about 425 degrees Fahrenheit and about 500 degrees
8 Fahrenheit for a time between about 150 seconds and about 630 seconds; and
9 means for freezing the potato patty.

1 6. A system in accordance with Claim 5, wherein said step of heating
2 in an impingement oven is for between 210 seconds and 360 seconds.